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DOUG PERRY TAKES OVER THE CHRISTMAS GOSSIP

Well, Christmas is here once again. All that lovely food, those gorgeous presents and the happy Christmas parties. We've been checking around and finding out how some of your favourite popsters will spend their Christmas holiday this year. So here goes . . .

Lulu just loves to spend Christmas at home. She'll be going up to Glasgow and will take it very easy for a couple of days.

Our Lulu says she prefers small presents rather than large ones. Actually she has a great collection of antique dolls, so she'll probably be hoping to add one or two more to it.

Lulu

The four Small Faces have different ideas planned for their holiday.

Steve Marriot says that he's going to spend Christmas at home, 'cos the group are always travelling and he never gets the chance to spend any time with his parents. Steve doesn't mind what sort of presents he receives, because in his opinion it's the thought and not the value of the present that counts.

Ronnie "Plonk" Lane would love to go on a ski-ing holiday to Switzerland for his Christmas, but the only thing is, he can't ski! Still he could learn when he gets over there.

Plonk's buying his parents some furniture for their present, and says that the best present he could receive would be to see Plaistow—his home town—given self-government.

Kenny Jones doesn't mind what he does over Christmas, as long as there's no work attached to it. He says that Christmas should be a holiday for everyone, including groups, and he'd like lots of clothes for presents.

Last, but not least, Ian McLagan may spend Christmas in the South of France. He says that this year he's going to buy each of his friends and relations a great present, 'cos he's still celebrating joining The Small Faces. Ian reckons that was the best present he's ever had.

Georgie Fame's hoping for a very peculiar Christmas present—he wants a set of bagpipes. Apparently Georgie had a go on a set when the group was up in Scotland, and they knocked him out so much, that now he wants some of his own. You never know, in the New Year we may be seeing Georgie Fame and The Blue Flames plus bagpipes.

By the way, Georgie can't get home for Christmas, so he says that he's going to stay in London and really "roar it up"!

The Roulettes

The Roulettes are one group who will certainly be in London over Christmas. Reason?—They're going to Kenny Everitt's party.

"Yes, we'll be there," said drummer Bob Henrit, "all except John. His home is in Hartlepool, so he hardly ever gets the time to see his family and friends. This year we're not working over Christmas, so John's going home."

Bob told me that he still hasn't decided what presents to buy, but said he was hoping to receive some handy things like talcum powder, shaving lotion and a scarf.

hi there.

A happy Christmas to all of you, from all the FAB gang—and me, too, of course.

We've also been asked by many of your favourite pop stars to thank you for everything that you have done to show them your devotion over the past year.

So—you see—your favourites do think of you.

We'd like to thank you for buying Fab and for all your wonderful letters and faith in us. We hope that we'll go on being friends all through 1966—and long after.

Much love, God bless and a Merry Xmas to you all.

From The Ed and all the FAB gang members.

HFAB!

Tommy Moeller of Unit 4 + 2 tells me that he and the boys will probably buy each other a present which has something to do with their new hobby—golf.

"We're all still learners, but our game is improving," said Tommy. "I think a book about golf would be very useful.

"Nowadays, we always try to get to our jobs early," he continued, "because then we can get a quick game in."

Tommy's Christmas present to his parents is likely to be a new Rover 2000, which he says he'll probably use, too.

"This is the first year that I've really had a lot of money to spend at Christmas," said Tommy, "so I particularly want to buy Mum and Dad something special." Nice thought!

Davey Sands and The Essex, whose recording manager is Brian Poole, can't get home for Christmas, 'cos they'll be on tour up in Scotland.

"We'll just have to make our own fun and games," said Davey, when he rang me the other day.

"Still we've had our main present, a new Commer van. Our old van was wrecked when we collided with a steam roller, on a dual carriage-way.

"I know that sounds a bit ridiculous, but it wasn't our fault.

You'll certainly know The Essex van if you see it, because as the boys feature the surfing sound on stage, they are going to have two surf-boards fitted to the van roof.

"I'm hoping to get a new surfboard for a present," said Davey. "Ian Barry and myself had a bash at surfing in Jersey, last year, and it knocked us out. (Literally speaking, we hope.) All we're waiting for now, is the summer sun."

Oh well, Davey, I suppose there's no harm in hoping.

Davey Sands and The Essex

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ALLAN CLARKE and KIKI DEE . . . Photographer Bill Francis.

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DICK and DEEDEE . . . Photographer Victor Savage.

HEDGEHOPPERS ANONYMOUS Back: Alan Laud, Ray Honeyball, John Stewart, Les Dash. Front: Mick Tinsley . . . Photographer Victor Savage.

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JOHN and GEORGE . . . Photographer Barry Markham.

(also small pic of JOHN and PAUL on cover) . . . Photographer Barry Markham.

Although Christmas is the time for pres... our pop stars seem to be receiving p... all the year round. Especially The Beat...

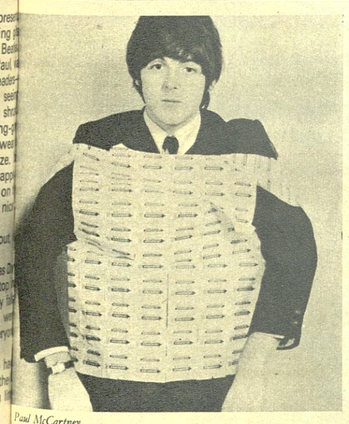
One present which went to Paul w... FAB, came from one of our American reader... Mary Fahey of Iowa, U.S.A.—who, after see... Paul's antics in "HELP," when he was sh... to the size of a mouse and draped in a chewing-g... wrapper, decided that he might like to wea... Spearmint type jacket when he's normal size. ... she made him one out of hundreds of small wrapp...

We gave it to Paul, who, after putting it on ... wrong way round, decided it suited him very nic... and asked FAB to thank Mary very much.

The only thing we're all wondering about ... who on earth chewed all that gum!

The four Beatles have their first free Christmas ... for five years, because before they hit the top ... Britain they were in Germany. Christmas Day fell on Christmas Eve, there, which meant they were flogging away on Christmas Day when everyone at home was noshing.

George says that all the boys are hoping to ha... their new houses ready for Christmas, then the... rush round from one to the other and have a ... celebration at each.



Paul McCartney

Deejay Kenny Everitt has a very good reason to celebrate at Christmas because besides being Christmas Day, 25th December is also Kenny's twenty-first birthday.

His manager is buying him a new Triumph Spitfire and Kenny is having it "tuned up" for extra speed.

"I'm having a real raving party," Kenny told me, "but I won't drink much, 'cos I'll have to drive the car home."

Kenny has some very weird ideas for presents this year, including (and I'm not quite sure what this means) a new "knee cap dispenser" for his publicist.

Strange, eh!

One group who will really be working hard over the Christmas holiday are The Moody Blues. They're over in America at the moment, where they are appearing on the famous Ed Sullivan Show, and then on Christmas Day they open in a new Murray the K. show in Brooklyn.

Actually, the Moodies won't be back home until January, so it looks as if they'll be having their Christmas pud a little later than usual.

John Stewart of Hedgehoppers Anonymous reckons that if the boys can manage to get any time off, they're going to have a real swinging party, to celebrate the success of their record.

And rightly so, I say.

"We all feel that we owe a great deal to the people who have helped us along," said John, "so we're buying some great presents. Can't tell you what they are, though."

John says that if he's buying a present for a girl, he always looks for something on the personal side—a piece of jewellery or a cross and chain. Anything that lasts for a long time and doesn't wear out after a few weeks.

He likes Christmas because he says it's the one time in the year when everyone is friendly. Even enemies.